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April 16, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554



*WC Docket No. 03-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

People like me suffer a tremendous disadvantage each year because we live in a state that doesn't permit competition in long distance service. We're losing money hand over fist.

Isn't it time we changed that situation?

States like Iowa and North Dakota have introduced competition in the last couple of years, and now consumers there are saving millions of dollars. Many other states have also jumped on the bandwagon, and their citizens are now saving money rather than wasting it.

We all know what happens for consumers once competition is introduced — prices drop. It's been proven that's the case when genuine long distance competition arrives on the scene. Customers and businesses start paying less. But they also start receiving more — greater technological advances and improved phone service.

If we don't do something soon, our state is going to fall behind the states that do allow competition in long distance. Companies will transfer their operations to places that don't inflict inflated, monopolistic long distance rates on their people. Economically, we can't afford it.

Now is the time to do something. Please join with other concerned consumers and add your voice to the demand for change. Let's bring real competition to our state's long distance service.

Sincerely,

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CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congressman Gil Gutfnecht

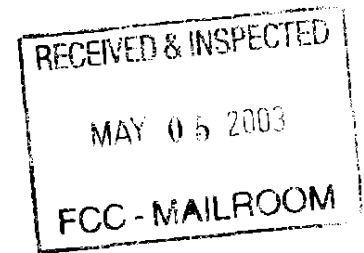
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April 28, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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Washington, DC 20554

WC Docket No. 03-90

Dear Secretary,

The Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism supports Qwest Communication's entry into the interLATA long-distance service market in Minnesota. As a business organization, we support increased competition and broader consumer choices in the telecommunications marketplace. We believe this will serve the general public and business customers in Minnesota not only by increasing long distance options, but also by increasing investment in a broad range of other telecommunications services.

The Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism represents nearly 500 member firms employing over 13,000 people in the area. First-class, competitive telecommunications services are absolutely essential to the economic success of these firms and for the prosperity of the entire state.

We urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve Qwest's application to provide long distance in Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Purvis  
President/CEO

Cc: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Representative Gil Gutfnecht

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